<u>LISTING OF THE CLAIMS</u>

The following is a complete listing of the claims with a status identifier in parentheses.

1.   (Previously Presented)   A method for determining a degree of compliance with a performance specification assigned to a medical working practice, the method comprising:

recording and storing, by a data-processing device, data correlated with the medical working practice;

storing, by a test system, test criteria for the data, correlated with the performance specification;

reading, via the test system, the data stored in the data-processing device; and

evaluating, via the test system, the data with the aid of the test criteria and determining the degree of compliance with the performance specification.

2.   (Previously Presented)   The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein:

clinical data are collected as the medical working practice, the collection process being assigned a collection protocol as the performance specification.

3.   (Previously Presented)   The method as claimed in claim 2, wherein:

a measurement value for a clinical study is collected from a patient as the medical working practice, and

the test system sends the measurement value as a valid measurement value to a study database if the collection protocol is complied with.

4.   (Previously Presented)   The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein:

a knowledge-based system is used as the test system, and

the performance specification is stored in the form of a rule set in the knowledge-based system.

5.   (Original) The method as claimed in claim 4, wherein the performance specification is stored as a module in the rule set.

6.   (Previously Presented)   The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the method is carried out automatically after each medical working practice.

7.   (Previously Presented)   The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein:
    if the performance specification is not complied with, a decision is made as to whether it is possible to repeat the working practice and, if so, repetition is requested; and
    if repetition is possible, a corresponding repetition request is made.

8.   (Previously Presented)   The method as claimed in claim 2, wherein:
    a knowledge-based system is used as the test system, and
    the performance specification is stored in the form of a rule set in the knowledge-based system.

9.   (Previously Presented)   The method as claimed in claim 3, wherein:
    a knowledge-based system is used as the test system, and
    the performance specification is stored in the form of a rule set in the knowledge-based system.

10.   (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 8, wherein the performance specification is stored as a module in the rule set.

11.   (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 9, wherein the performance specification is stored as a module in the rule set.

12.   (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 2, wherein the method is carried out automatically after each medical working practice.

13.   (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 3, wherein the method is carried out automatically after each medical working practice.

14.   (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 4, wherein the method is carried out automatically after each medical working practice.

15.   (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 5, wherein the method is carried out automatically after each medical working practice.

16.   (Previously Presented)   The method as claimed in claim 2, wherein:

if the performance specification is not complied with, a decision is made as to whether it is possible to repeat the working practice and, if so, repetition is requested; and

if repetition is possible, a corresponding repetition request is made.

17.   (Previously Presented)   The method as claimed in claim 3, wherein:

if the performance specification is not complied with, a decision is made as to whether it is possible to repeat the working practice and, if so, repetition is requested; and

if repetition is possible, a corresponding repetition request is made.

18.   (Previously Presented)   The method as claimed in claim 4, wherein:

if the performance specification is not complied with, a decision is made as to whether it is possible to repeat the working practice and, if so, repetition is requested; and

if repetition is possible, a corresponding repetition request is made.

19.   (Previously Presented)   The method as claimed in claim 5, wherein:

if the performance specification is not complied with, a decision is made as to whether it is possible to repeat the working practice and, if so, repetition is requested; and

if repetition is possible, a corresponding repetition request is made.

20.   (Previously Presented)   The method as claimed in claim 6, wherein:

if the performance specification is not complied with, a decision is made as to whether it is possible to repeat the working practice and, if so, repetition is requested; and

if repetition is possible, a corresponding repetition request is made.